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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge: I am very concerned about the proposed settlement that the Department of Justice has recommended in the Microsoft case. As a long-time industry veteran, it seems to me that MS has long established its reputation as an abusive monopolist - and the courts certainly agreed with this. Why should MS be left virtually scott-free to continue to abuse its defacto monopoly in Operating Systems? If you take a close look at their Passport concept it is very clear that they are planning to expand their monopoly well beyond the desktop but into every corner of the American economic system. While I don't blame them for trying to do this - they're just trying to maximize their millions (or should I say billions)...it is incumbant upon our government to protect its citizens and offer all competitors an open and level playing field. Thank you for your help in this important matter. Sincerely B. Floyd
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